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SUBJ: GALLUP POLL SHOWS DECLINE IN LABOR SUPPORT

1. GALLUP POLL PUBLISHED OVER WEEKEND SHOWS DECLINE IN SUPPORT FOR ALP. IN ACCOMPANYING ANALYSIS GALLUP POLL CONCLUDES THAT IF FEDERAL ELECTION HAD BEEN HELD AT THE END OF APRIL, 1973, LABOR WOULD HAVE LOST UNLESS SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN PARTY. POLL, TAKEN OVER PERIOD APRIL 14-21, SHOWED ALP WITH 48 PERCENT; LIBERAL- COUNTRY, 41 PERCENT; DLP, 5 PERCENT; AUSTRALIA PARTY, 2 PERCENT. ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER, 1972, SHOWED ALP WITH 49.6 PERCENT; LIBERAL- COUNTRY, 41.5 PERCENT; DLP, 5.3 PERCENT; AUSTRALIA PARTY, 2.4 PERCENT.

2. COMMENT: POLL FIGURES ARE NOT PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT EXCEPT AS THEY SHOW TREND OF PUBLIC OPINION AWAY FROM ALP. BY SAME TOKEN, LIBERAL- COUNTRY PARTIES AND DLP HAVE REMAINED STABLE. THERE IS SERIES OF MAJOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS COMING UP, IN BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS, WHICH WILL BE MATTERS OF CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY. THREE MAJOR FIGURES IN RECENT LIBERAL- COUNTRY GOVERNMENT (FORMER MINISTER FOR LABOR LYNCH, FORMER MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS CHIPP, AND FORMER TREASURER SNEDDEN) HAVE RECENTLY PREDICTED, PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY, THAT PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM WILL HAVE RECOURSE TO EARLY ELECTIONS

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IN HOUSE. POLL FIGURES HAVE BEEN SURPRISE TO GOVERNMENT AND ARE
LIKELY TO MAKE IT LESS LIKELY TO RISK EARLY ELECTIONS. EVIDENT
THAT PROCESS OF RAPID CHANGE WHICH WHITLAM INTRODUCED HAS
ENCOUNTERED SIGNIFICANT RESISTANCE, AND EVEN LONG- TIME LABOR
SUPPORTERS HAVE BEGUN TO PREDICT THAT LABOR
GOVERNMENT WILL NOT STAY LONG IN POWER IF IT CONTINUES ON
ITS PRESENT COURSE.
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